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Folks,

Don't let Microsoft buy their way out of this one. If we're going to pretend that we don't support monopolies, let's not support the company that everyone knows is a monopoly.

Also, please be aware, when you are reading the comments you are collecting regarding this settlement, that Microsoft is a masterful marketing machine, and that they successfully use every opportunity they get to sell their products. This includes "grass-roots" marketing, in which they "stuff the ballot box" with people who express their desire for Microsoft to be let alone to "innovate."

Anything in the settlement that enables Microsoft to further expand their customer base (through the distribution of free software licenses, etc) undermines the very aim of the case itself. While they obviously should be allowed to continue doing business, I believe it would be wise to focus more on limiting the ways in which they can use their market presence to crush competition.

Thanks for your time.

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